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SUBJ: COPCON OFFICERS OFFER RADICAL ALTERNATIVE

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1. GROUP OF COPCON OFFICERS HAS PUT FORWARD A RADICAL ALTERNATIVE AS "WAY OUT" OF CURRENT IMPASSE. DOCUMENT IS NOW BEING DISCUSSED AT HASTILY-CALLED MEETING OF MILITARY OFFICERS CHAIRED BY COPCON COMMANDERGENERAL OTELO SARAIVA DE CARVALHO AND INCLUDING THREE REGIONAL MILITARY COMMANDERS AND COMMANDERS OF KEY COPCON OPERATIONAL UNITS (REFTEL PARA 2).

2. DOCUMENT PURPORTS TO BE "ONLY VIABLE AND REALISTIC PROGRAM" TO ACHIEVE SOCILIANT SOCIETY SOUGHT BY ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT (AFM). RADICAL DOCUMENT IS BASED UPON STRENGTHENING OF "DIRECT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LINKS" BETWEEN PEOPLE AND AFM BASED UPON EXPERIENCE IN CULTURAL

DYNAMIZATION EFFORTS TO DATE. IT INCLUDES SERIES OF PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVING CONDITIONS OF LOWER RANKING MILITARY PERSONNEL, AND THOSE IN CIVIL SECTOR HARDEST HIT BY WORSENING ECONOMIC CONDITIONS COMBINED WITH POTPOURRI OF OTHER POPULIST MEASURES.

3. COMMENT: DOCUMENT IS LIKELY TO FURTHER DIVIDE THE ARMED FORCES. WILL ALSO DILUTE IMPACT OF MELO ANTUNES MANIFESTO AND IS ANOTHER COMPLICATING FACTOR IN AFM POWER STRUGGLE.

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